

THE CELINA DEMOCRAT

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The Democratic national committee has been called to meet in Washington, January 8, when it will fix the time and place for holding the national convention which will name the next President of these United States.

The Chicago beef barons, charged with conducting a trust to squeeze the people on the price of beef declare they are innocent, which would lead one to think they would be in a hurry to get to trial. Query: Have they been battling in one court after another for nine years just to keep the public from finding out that they are innocent?

Somebody wrote to Washington to ask what had become of Mr. Norton, who was lately secretary to President Taft. The writer hastens to answer, as follows: Mr. Norton is alright. He has gone the way of previous secretaries and is now in one of Mr. J. P. Morgan's banks. It is only a short jump after all from White House to Wall street, and the path is much traveled, both coming and going.

Chicago was chosen as the place for holding the next Republican convention to name a candidate for President at a meeting of the national committee of that party at Washington on the 12th. President Taft stands a poor chance of a renomination, so strong has the Roosevelt sentiment grown, and here in his own State he is almost playing second fiddle to the irrepressible LaFollette.

The Observer a short time since said: "Then attorney general in Cleveland's cabinet, Judge Harmon, was under the same obligation to attack the trusts that Wickesman now is, and then they were not so well entrenched." The people have noted that they were "not so well entrenched" as now, some—after so many years of Republican trust busting, too. It is a muddy shame, isn't it, Alphonse Adolphus?

The only definite thing in President Taft's message to Congress is his attempt to prove that the federal tobacco trust decree is a most excellent enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law. He would make the people believe the Tobacco trust decision practically solves the trust problem. He complacently assumes that this decision is certain at some indefinite period to restore competition, and soften the evils of illegal monopoly if it does not indeed completely eradicate them.

Once again, therefore the President is found advocating in a message to Congress a cause that is not popular with the people, for the merest tyro in the study of trusts recognizes the tobacco trust "dissolution" as a victory for that monopoly. That even Wall Street so considers it is evidenced by the fact that the securities of the trust are higher after the "dissolution" than before.

"The punishment inflicted upon the American Tobacco company for being in existence in violation of the law," declares Chairman Stanley of the Steel Investigating committee, "is worth hundreds of millions of dollars to that concern. There is not a trust in the United States or the world that would not give millions to be 'dissolved' as it has been dissolved."

And the president devotes his official message to Congress to an attempt to make it appear that this tobacco trust decision is a great victory for the independent tobacco men and the people.

At the Old Home

by Lawrence T. Berliner

TEARNS, the man of affairs, was a far different individual as a winter's evening found him deep in thought. A man of but little sentiment, was the way the world adjudged the financier. Yet there were whisperings of a youthful romance and early departure from home. No one ever dared broach the subject and it had long since been forgotten.

As Charles Stearns gazed into the fire in the library of his home, the flickering light seemed to recall days of the past. In fancy he saw again his boyhood home, his parents and acquaintances. How little they had been to him for so long a time!

Quarterly stipends he had supplied to the old folks, yet he had never heeded the call they sent out for their only son.

As the man sat musing, he spoke aloud: "I believe I am getting sentimental. I think I shall surprise the old folks and pay them a visit for Christmas."

A thought meant an act with Stearns. His mind once made up, it took much to change it. His decision to return to the farm for the holiday gave him pleasure. He could hardly wait the time when he was to start. He thought presents for the old folks. He remembered his father's delight in the watch. One of the finest to be had went into the satchel for him. The silk for a new dress made up a portion of what he planned for his mother.

It was a long journey to the old homestead. The train sped onward and each moment made the man more anxious to see his people and the old place again. But suddenly a thought occurred to him and his face blanched. He had forgotten; Stella Harrington might still be there.

All the memories of the past were swept aside and he thought only of her.

Once she had promised to make him happy. As he thought of that time, he sighed deeply. She had altered his life when she changed her mind at the last and threw him over.

He recalled the jeers of his boyhood companions as they sneered at their rough witticisms at him. It was the way of the country and he could not stand the finger of scorn and had fled. That was in the long ago and he had almost forgotten—until now.

As the train stopped at the little station on the hill it seemed as if he had left it only yesterday.

But now—where was George White, the old agent? A young man filled his place. The driver of the stage was another stranger. Old Ed Brown was also a thing of the past.

None knew the portly middle-aged man as he strode towards the coach that plied between station and town.

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There was a moment's pause, while the driver gathered the mail, as old Ed had done so many times, and they were off.

As the rig rattled over the rough roads the man within watched with interest the scenes of his youth. The town had changed little in the years that had passed.

When the coach paused at the old homestead the man's eyes filled with tears. A woman came from the house; mother and son were in each other's arms.

On the porch stood his father to welcome the man home. With misty eyes the united family stood. All hearts were full. The parents' hopes had been realized and the prodigal had come home.

"How could I have remained away so long?" he asked again and again as the old folks bustled about, trying to make him comfortable.

"And, Charlie, you are now a banker, they tell us," said his mother. "You, who left us so long ago, are the image of your father at your age."

"My boy," spoke the father, "it has been a long time since you went away, but we are mighty glad to have you back again."

The son's heart was too full for words. There was one question he would like to ask but the words refused to come.

"Charlie," questioned his mother, "have you ever seen Stella since the day you went away? I know I ought not to speak of this, but I must."

"Mother!" All a boy's anguish came forth in that word. As of yore he buried his face in the parent's lap and sobbed.

She stroked his now thinning locks and the touch was magical. Why had he lost his parents for so many years? His joy was too much, too good, to last.

"I have never seen her," he said at last; "never since the day she promised to be my wife and then as quickly refused to marry me."

"My poor boy, do you remember Steve Briggs?—the one that wore the fine clothes? He had much to do with Stella's refusal to keep her promise."

"She never told me just what he said, but it was enough to make her throw you over. You would never come back and she was too proud to write."

"Where is Stella now, mother?" asked the man.

"She lives in the old place by the creek, Charlie. You remember it— with all the apple trees behind the house?"

Well did the man remember the orchard where he had spent the autumn evening with his sweetheart.

That evening found Stearns walking toward the creek. "I wonder how the old place looks," he thought.

There was the old-fashioned house, the porch with the long steps. Everything was as if the old days were still there.

A figure moved about in the parlor. He knew well where the parlor was. He heard the organ. It was Stella's favorite air. He paused and his eyes filled with tears as he heard that voice again.

Slowly he ascended the steps and pulled the bell. The playing stopped and he heard footsteps. The door opened and the light of the hall streamed upon his face.

It was evident that the woman failed to recognize him, for she looked askance at him.

"Is this Stella Harrington?" he began, but the sound of his voice made her start.

"Charles Stearns, have you come back?" she gasped, and followed him into the room.

"So, Stella, you are keeping house alone now! You—you have not changed very much, either," he said earnestly.

He saw that her once golden tresses were streaked with gray, yet much of the youthful beauty remained and he found his heart quickening as he gazed at the woman.

"And you are the great banker they would have us believe—little Charlie Stearns, who used to be my tease at school?"

Neither had touched on the subject which seemed to be in the minds of both. At last the man could remain silent no longer.

"Stella, my mother has just told me why you changed your mind so many years ago. Why did you not tell me then?" he asked.

"Because I was too proud. When I found that he had lied, it was too late."



"Charles Stearns, Have You Come Back?"

You had left home and no one knew where. I thought if you had really cared you would have come back," said Stella.

"And I have come back, my girl. Just what brought me here this Christmas I cannot realize, but I know I am glad to be back."

"And your parents—how happy they must be to have you with them again," she said. "Now, they can enjoy Christmas in the old way—just you three together."

"Stella, you are all alone. Won't you come to our house for dinner to-morrow? Let us celebrate in a modern way, and it will make the old folks so happy."

"Only the old folks—?" she began, but the big man silenced her as he grasped her hands and said:

"Stella, I ask you what you refused me so many years ago. Will you be my wife? You are alone in the world and I want you."

"Charles, it is not out of pity you ask me this," she questioned.

"No, dear girl, it is because my heart has been hungry for something all these years, and I did not realize until now that it was you I needed."

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As it is with places, so it is with people. They, too, not only seem to change, but the transformation does take place in millions of hearts to a greater or less degree. The spirit of Christmas even affects people who for the rest of the year are devoid of sentiment and of feeling for their fellows. The most interesting stories of Christmastide are those which will never appear in print—true stories of men and women whose thoughts have been only of their own selfish aims and pleasures, but have been awakened, if only for a day or two, from their usual self-complacency, moved by some force of which they are only half-conscious to do some act of kindness to make the day happier for someone less fortunate than themselves in a worldly way.—The Christian Herald

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